



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 2, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Fieldwork was limited this past week due to considerable moisture received throughout the state, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Several counties reported significant moisture during the week, improving fall planted crop and pasture conditions. Reporters noted winter wheat in stressed areas has improved with received moisture. Livestock remain in good condition with calving and lambing progressing well so far. As of April 3rd, snowpack in Colorado was at 109 percent measured as percent of median snowfall. The Southwest and San Luis Valley were 128 and 114 percent, respectively. Stored feed supplies were rated 3 percent short, 86 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 31 percent average and 69 percent light. Cattle death loss was 1 percent heavy, 74 percent average, and 25 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted	9	4	6	16
Onions				
Planted	9	4	16	20
Potatoes Outside San Luis Valley				
Planted	3	NA	4	7
Spring wheat				
Planted	10	3	6	13
Sugarbeets				
Planted	5	1	6	6
Winter wheat				
Pastured.....	13	9	9	6
Jointed.....	2	1	4	5
Cows calved.....	60	50	65	66
Ewes lambd	39	33	39	53

NA – not available
(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	3.6	5.4	4.6	5.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	5	11	9	13
Short.....	19	29	21	31
Adequate	72	58	64	54
Surplus	4	2	6	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	8	12	9	20
Short.....	29	32	23	33
Adequate	62	55	65	46
Surplus	1	1	3	1

NA – not available
(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	3	4	1	3
Fair.....	18	18	13	27
Good.....	70	69	77	63
Excellent.....	9	9	9	6
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	2	3	13	19
Poor.....	27	30	13	25
Fair.....	32	31	39	34
Good.....	35	31	31	21
Excellent.....	4	5	4	1
Winter Wheat				
Very poor.....	5	5	2	9
Poor.....	21	32	14	16
Fair.....	35	31	29	35
Good.....	32	30	47	36
Excellent.....	7	2	8	4

NA – not available

(--) – zero